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The Right Reverend Calvin O. Schofield
Episcopalian Diocese of Southeast Florida
525 NE 15 Street
Miami, FL 33132

Dear Bishop Schofield:

On behalf of Dade Heritage Trust I am writing to express concern over the proposal being considered which would significantly change or even eliminate the historic St. Stephens Church. While the structure has been altered over the years, there is a significant portion of the original 1912 building which provides an important historic link to the present church and general community.

Other concerns rest with the threatened loss of a valuable environmental resource - the beautiful - and also irreplaceable hardwood hammock.

Coconut Grove has lost, over the years, many of the very environmental and historical resources which gave it charm and drew residents and visitors alike.

St. Stephen's Parish and Church, dating back to the early 1900's, certainly has been an important element in the community's development. Its physical proximity to the Barnacle and proposed Barnacle Extension does, perhaps, encourage a broader consideration of opportunities, responsibilities and alternatives.

St. Stephens and the broader community are fortunate to still have the gifts of our heritage - both man-made and God-given. Your leadership is critical in protecting these valuable resources - which value cannot and should not be measured in dollars alone. With much further development it will soon be impossible to explain just how Coconut Grove got its name - and then it will be too late.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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